

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)
Contingency Plan in the Event of Federal Government Shutdown
Summary**

Perform Major Operations – Between 45–50% of the Bureau employees would continue to report for full time duty. Non-appropriated funds would be used to cover the cost. The number of people required in various parts of the Bureau is listed in the following table:

BOEMRE Summary of Excepted FTE's <i>As of April 9, 2011</i>		
Organization	On-Board FTE	Excepted FTE
Executive Direction	34	9
OEMM	915	486
Administration	207	61
PMI	16	2
Total FTE's	1,172	558

The major ongoing activities that would continue include documents in support of the 5-year plan, Central Gulf Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), Western Gulf SEIS, Chukchi SEIS, and other major Federal actions. Work on the BOEMRE reorganization would continue, and the Investigations Review Unit and the Joint Investigations Team would remain operational. The BOEMRE would continue to receive and process exploration and development plans as well as applications for drilling permits and other offshore permits. The BOEMRE would also continue to work on current renewable energy plans and projects. Routine and emergency inspections would continue to be performed. These ongoing major activities will require support from the Department's Solicitor's Office.

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The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) manages the energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and enforces its regulations designed to protect the environment and enhance safety. The main office for BOEMRE is in the Main Interior Building in Washington, DC, with technical and administrative support offices in Herndon, Virginia, and regional offices in New Orleans, Louisiana (Gulf of Mexico Region), Camarillo, California (Pacific Region), and Anchorage, Alaska (Alaska Region). The number of employees currently working for the Bureau is 1,172.

The BOEMRE is prepared for the orderly shutdown of the Government in the event Congress fails to pass the necessary appropriations bill for it to operate. In the event of a shutdown, BOEMRE would continue to perform major operations and planning. This would allow the Bureau to continue to plan for future exploration and development of energy resources on the OCS.

Drilling and Production Safety is critical to the conduct of safe drilling operations by industry. The BOEMRE will have personnel available to oversee drilling and production operations. Personnel will continue to process applications for new permits to drill and they will perform routine inspections and inspections needed to begin new drilling activities. Personnel will consider permit modifications on a case-by-case basis and will respond to requests for permit modifications that are needed to ensure drilling safety and occupational health and safety. Environmental planning needed to prepare ongoing National Environmental Policy Act compliance documents would continue. The operations and planning activities that continue would allow industry to function during a Government shutdown. These ongoing major activities will require support from the Department's Solicitor's Office.

Activities that support major operations and planning such as administration and budget would also continue on an as needed basis. Two contracting officers will process material for essential contracting actions. Personnel associated with human resources will notify employees who are furloughed, secure personnel records, and call back personnel as needed during the shutdown and when the Government shutdown ends. Computer and information technology personnel will maintain equipment and electronic data.

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Office Contingency Plan in the Event of Federal Government Shutdown
Designation of Funded Programs/Activities

Essential Activity	Function	Justification for Essential Designation
Drilling and Production Safety	Offshore Energy and Minerals Management	To respond to incidents, document conditions and secure the site.
Contract Services	Administration and Budget	To manage contracts.
Personnel Functions	Administration and Budget	To maintain personnel functions related to time and attendance, pay, and benefits.
Computer Operations	Administration and Budget	To maintain equipment.
Personnel Notification	Administration and Budget	To inform personnel of the shutdown, furlough status, and notice to return to work.
Building and Property Security	Administration and Budget	To protect Government assets.
Documents/Records/Files Security	Administration and Budget	To protect Government assets.
Inspections	Regional Office	To ensure the safety of ongoing operations.
Permitting	Regional Office	To ensure operational safety, occupational health, and environmental protection.
Environmental Compliance	Regional Office	To determine environmental consequences of proposed actions, identify potential impacts, and make sound decisions.
Investigations	Investigations and Review Unit and Joint Investigation Team	To evaluate Deepwater Horizon explosion and perform regulatory oversight.

Basis for the plan:

1. These functions are needed to maintain security and communication within the Bureau and to ensure the safety of ongoing operations.
2. Number of full time employees in BOEMRE: 1,172
3. Number of employees needed during shutdown: 558
 - a. Employees who are engaged in military, law enforcement, or direct provision of health care activities: 0
 - b. Employees whose compensation is financed by a resource other than annual appropriations: 558
 - c. Employees who are considered essential but are not otherwise exempt: 0
4. Number of employees on furlough in the event of a shutdown: 614